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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Interdepartmental Coordinating  
and Planning Staff

SUBJECT: CIG 20

1. The following comments are offered on CIG 20, subject: Production of Political Psychological Study on USSR.

- a. No similar study is now available.
- b. A study of this nature would be of value to ORE.
- c. ORE is not prepared at this time to make such a study.
- d. The extent to which CIG should be held responsible for the contents of such a study should be clearly defined. There appear to be two courses of action open, namely:

(1) A specialist or specialists in the particular field could be contracted to prepare such a study which would be disseminated as intelligence information, the contents of which would be the views of the individuals preparing the study, only.

(2) A specialist or specialists in the particular field could be contracted to prepare such a study under CIG (ORE) guidance. An ORE evaluation would be placed on the study prior to dissemination.

Course (1) would seem to be preferable at this time. In either case it would be advantageous for an ORE representative to discuss the study with the specialists prior to their starting work on it.

2. It is recommended that the plan proposed in CIG 20 be carried out subject to the comments contained in paragraph 1d, above.

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